



INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND, DECEMBER-QUARTER 1968

Details of industrial accidents are extracted from claims for workers' compensation finalised or becoming three years old during the quarter. They do not refer to accidents actually occurring within the period.

The State Government Insurance Office is the only body authorised under the provisions of "The Workers' Compensation Acts, 1916 to 1966", to issue industrial accident policies in Queensland. Claims made on that office are therefore the sole source of information on compensative industrial accidents.

However, while all employers must insure their employees, not all industrial accidents are covered since, under the Compensation Acts, self-employed persons are not obliged to insure and hence a number of accidents to workers in primary industry, the professions, etc. are not recorded. Similarly, members of the Police Force and the Commonwealth Public Service, including the P.M.G.'s Department, are excluded by the provisions of the Act and coverage is thereby restricted in the administrative and communications industries.

By definition, the scope of the collection is limited to include only those injured employees who lost at least a full shift from work as a result of the accident. This publication excludes particulars of accidents occurring during recess periods or on the journey to or from work and of occupational diseases which are published annually only.

Definitions

An Industrial Accident is defined as any compensated work injury or a compensated occupational disease causing death or permanent disability, or the temporary disability of the injured person during the entire interval corresponding to the hours of his or her regular shift on any one or more calendar days subsequent to the date of the injury. Details of Work Injuries only are given in the following tables.

Fatal injuries are so classified regardless of the time intervening between injury and death, providing that death occurs within three years of the intimation of the claim.

Permanent Disability is an injury or disease which does not cause death but results in the complete loss or loss of use of any member or part of a member of the body, or any permanent impairment of functions of the body or part thereof.

Temporary Disability is any injury which does not result in death or permanent impairment, but renders the injured person unable to perform a regularly established job during the entire time interval corresponding to the hours of a full, regular shift.

Duration of Temporary Disability refers to the calendar period of incapacity, not to the actual number of working days lost.

Type of Accident is the event which directly resulted in the injury (i.e. the manner in which contact was made between the injured person and the object or substance causing the injury).

Agency Related to the Accident is the agency (i.e. working environment, production equipment, animal, etc.) which because of its hazardous nature or condition precipitated the event designated as the accident.

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Table 1 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Extent of Disability and Duration of Temporary Disability,
December Quarter 1968

Occupation Group	All Injuries	Extent of Disability			Duration of Temporary Disability						
		Fatal	Permanent	Temporary	1 to 7 Days	8 to 14 Days	15 Days to 4 Weeks	Over 4 Wks to 6 Mths	Over 6 Months	Days Lost	
										Total	Average
Males											
TOTAL	7,455	13	176	7,266	2,868	2,014	1,223	1,116	45	135,934	18.7
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	103	-	8	95	34	23	14	22	2	2,204	23.2
Salesmen	78	-	2	76	35	17	8	16	-	1,277	16.8
Farmers, Fishermen, Timber-getters	800	2	26	772	162	243	166	192	9	20,843	27.0
Miners and Quarrymen ..	142	-	3	139	44	39	24	28	4	3,799	27.3
Road Transport Workers ..	386	2	6	378	125	106	69	76	2	8,357	22.1
Electricians and Related Electrical Workers ..	127	2	5	120	64	28	14	14	-	1,802	15.0
Metal Tradesmen, Process Workers	1,601	1	27	1,573	873	364	191	139	6	21,283	13.5
Carpenters and Other Woodworking Occupations ..	650	-	29	621	231	172	122	93	3	11,122	17.9
Painters and Decorators ..	96	1	2	93	35	15	21	21	1	2,189	23.5
Bricklayers and Other Construction Workers ..	307	1	3	303	122	76	48	56	1	5,800	19.1
Food and Beverage Workers	739	1	15	723	289	266	116	51	1	9,688	13.4
Excavating, Lifting Equipment Operators	274	2	15	257	92	69	50	42	4	5,743	22.3
Waterside Workers, Freight Handlers	364	-	5	359	126	101	68	62	2	7,436	20.7
Labourers n.e.i. ..	1,268	-	19	1,249	446	361	232	205	5	23,590	18.9
Service, Sport, and Recreation Workers	127	1	4	122	35	34	20	31	2	3,277	26.9
Other Occupations ..	393	-	7	386	155	100	60	68	3	7,524	19.5
Females											
TOTAL	733	-	6	727	267	213	133	110	4	13,921	19.1
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	60	-	1	59	24	13	11	11	-	1,210	20.5
Sales Workers ..	57	-	1	56	27	17	6	6	-	735	13.1
Tailors, Cutters, Machinists, etc.	15	-	-	15	6	5	2	2	-	272	18.1
Textile, Footwear, and Other Leather Workers ..	13	-	-	13	6	5	-	2	-	342	26.3
Metal Process Workers ..	45	-	-	45	19	13	5	8	-	669	14.9
Food and Beverage Workers	129	-	2	127	47	45	18	16	1	2,097	16.5
Other Production Process Workers n.e.i. ..	45	-	1	44	15	16	7	6	-	633	14.4
Packers, Labellers, etc. ..	128	-	-	128	46	37	28	16	1	2,379	18.6
Service Industry and Recreation Workers	209	-	1	208	71	57	47	31	2	4,494	21.6
Other Occupations ..	32	-	-	32	6	5	9	12	-	1,090	34.1

Table 2 - Work Injuries: Occupation Group by Nature of Injury, December Quarter 1968

Occupation Group	All Injuries	Nature of Injury								
		Fractures, Dislocations	Sprains, Strains	Internal Injuries	Amputations	Lacerations, Open Wounds	Superficial Injuries	Contusions, Bruisings	Burns, Scalds	Other Injuries
Males										
TOTAL	7,455	961	1,980	20	79	2,089	551	1,132	278	365
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	103	18	25	2	3	24	4	12	2	13
Salesmen	78	14	26	-	-	11	-	15	2	10
Farmers, Fishermen, Timber-getters	800	146	184	2	8	265	34	107	16	38
Miners and Quarrymen ..	142	22	34	-	2	37	9	27	1	10
Road Transport Workers! ..	386	69	131	4	2	62	16	72	7	23
Electricians and Related Elec-trical Workers ..	127	13	37	1	1	32	15	15	1	12
Metal Tradesmen, Process Workers	1,601	145	361	4	17	419	230	203	119	103
Carpenters and Other Woodwork-ing Occupations ..	650	88	185	-	20	198	36	99	3	21
Painters and Decorators ..	96	18	33	1	1	20	5	10	7	1
Bricklayers and Other Construc-tion Workers ..	307	43	93	1	1	66	21	64	11	7
Food and Beverage Workers	739	33	142	1	7	420	46	61	15	14
Excavating, Lifting Equipment Operators	274	49	75	2	6	48	18	44	19	13
Waterside Workers, Freight Handlers	364	62	150	-	1	53	6	72	4	16
Labourers n.e.i. ..	1,268	164	325	2	8	351	86	229	48	55
Service, Sport, and Recreation Workers	127	25	38	-	-	17	5	21	12	9
Other Occupations ..	393	52	141	-	2	66	20	81	11	20
Females										
TOTAL	733	70	254	-	1	201	34	123	36	14
Professional, Managerial, and Clerical Workers ..	60	12	19	-	-	8	3	14	3	1
Sales Workers	57	5	23	-	-	17	1	10	1	-
Tailors, Cutters, Machinists, etc.	15	1	5	-	-	8	-	-	-	1
Textile, Footwear, and Other Leather Workers ..	13	4	4	-	-	3	1	1	-	-
Metal Process Workers ..	45	4	9	-	-	20	1	5	3	3
Food and Beverage Workers	129	6	38	-	-	48	9	18	4	6
Other Production Process Workers n.e.i.	45	2	20	-	1	9	-	12	1	-
Packers, Labellers, etc. ..	128	7	50	-	-	37	8	21	4	1
Service Industry and Recreation Workers	209	23	73	-	-	44	7	41	20	1
Other Occupations ..	32	6	13	-	-	7	4	1	-	1

Table 3 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Type of Accident, December Quarter 1968

Industry Group	All Injuries	Type of Accident								
		Falls of Persons	Struck by Falling Objects	Striking, or Struck by, Objects	Caught in, or between, Objects	Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement	Extreme Temperatures	Electric Current	Harmful Substances or Radiation	Other Types
Males										
TOTAL	7,455	1,526	781	2,661	681	1,268	220	9	137	172
Primary Production ..	784	164	55	311	107	110	11	-	7	19
Mining and Quarrying ..	169	36	36	48	21	25	2	-	-	1
Cement, Bricks, Glass, etc.	142	21	20	37	15	37	3	-	8	1
Metal Refining and Products	454	44	49	170	48	82	40	-	20	1
Machinery & General Engineering	902	133	100	385	52	127	54	1	41	9
Meat and Fish Processing ..	848	131	36	507	38	89	19	-	8	20
Other Food and Drink Processing	319	73	29	82	41	51	27	-	13	3
Sawmilling and Wood Products	378	53	57	136	61	62	2	1	2	4
Preparation of Skins and Leather										
Goods Manufacturing ..	34	5	-	13	1	13	-	-	1	1
Rubber Goods Manufacturing ..	45	3	8	14	3	13	3	-	-	1
Other Manufacturing ..	148	33	11	42	21	29	6	-	1	5
Electricity and Gas ..	113	35	11	32	9	19	1	3	1	2
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	97	22	12	23	5	24	2	-	-	9
Building Construction, Repairs	706	196	102	199	35	136	10	2	13	13
Other Construction Works ..	816	169	94	263	90	154	18	1	9	18
Road Transport	240	70	37	51	19	36	4	-	2	21
Other Transport and Storage	416	154	44	81	52	71	4	-	2	8
Commerce and Finance ..	640	121	69	211	50	147	8	1	6	27
Community and Business Services	84	28	2	23	5	15	4	-	2	5
Amusement and Personal Services	103	25	8	29	8	26	2	-	1	4
Other Industries ..	17	10	1	4	-	2	-	-	-	-
Females										
TOTAL	733	181	54	218	60	147	28	-	8	37
Primary Production ..	28	10	2	6	2	5	-	-	-	3
Metal Refining and Products,										
General Engineering ..	49	5	4	18	10	6	3	-	-	3
Textile Manufacturing ..	14	2	2	3	3	4	-	-	-	-
Clothing Manufacturing ..	14	3	1	6	3	1	-	-	-	-
Meat and Fish Processing ..	181	21	7	89	5	42	2	-	1	14
Jam Making, Fruit and Vegetable										
Canning	32	13	2	3	1	4	1	-	3	5
Other Food and Drink Processing	38	7	5	7	6	7	2	-	1	3
Printing, Packaging, etc. Manu-										
facturing	16	5	2	2	2	4	-	-	1	-
Other Manufacturing ..	34	4	5	7	7	10	-	-	-	1
Commerce and Finance ..	99	26	13	27	8	19	3	-	-	3
Health, Hospitals, etc. ..	80	28	1	14	5	23	6	-	-	3
Other Community etc. Services	22	11	-	4	-	6	1	-	-	-
Hotels, Boarding Houses, Res-										
taurants, etc. ..	101	35	9	28	6	12	7	-	2	2
Amusement and Other Personal										
Services	12	7	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	-
Other Industries ..	13	4	1	3	1	3	1	-	-	-

Table 4 - Work Injuries: Industry Group by Agency Related to Accident, December Quarter 1968

Industry Group	All Injuries	Agency Related to Accident								
		Metal and Woodworking Machines	Other Machines and Installed Equipment	Lifting Equipment	Hand Tools, Movable Equipment	Means of Transport	Materials, Substances, and Radiation	Indoor Working Environment	Outdoor and Underground Environment	Other Agencies
Males										
TOTAL	7,455	530	483	100	1,607	949	245	485	455	2,601
Primary Production ..	784	21	88	2	149	106	14	5	93	306
Mining and Quarrying ..	169	6	34	3	25	20	3	5	29	44
Cement, Bricks, Glass, etc. ..	142	9	12	5	15	15	11	13	5	57
Metal Refining and Products ..	454	101	13	7	81	19	31	29	2	171
Machinery & General Engineering	902	183	29	15	237	91	36	51	11	249
Meat and Fish Processing ..	848	5	28	3	392	36	26	103	8	247
Other Food and Drink Processing	319	19	48	6	41	25	30	51	5	94
Sawmilling and Wood Products	378	82	5	3	32	22	2	20	7	205
Preparation of Skins and Leather										
Goods Manufacturing ..	34	1	4	-	9	2	1	3	-	14
Rubber Goods Manufacturing ..	45	-	9	-	9	4	2	1	-	20
Other Manufacturing ..	148	7	27	2	14	17	7	25	-	49
Electricity and Gas ..	113	2	11	5	29	8	4	8	13	33
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	97	-	4	-	10	18	1	2	19	43
Building Construction & Repairs	706	36	18	7	197	35	22	41	73	277
Other Construction Works ..	816	26	79	14	180	96	25	10	115	271
Road Transport	240	5	11	5	19	90	6	11	9	84
Other Transport and Storage	416	1	4	10	23	220	6	12	28	112
Commerce and Finance ..	640	21	37	13	119	101	11	65	16	257
Community and Business Services	84	4	4	-	13	13	6	15	13	16
Amusement and Personal Services	103	-	16	-	13	9	1	10	5	49
Other Industries ..	17	1	2	-	-	2	-	5	4	3
Females										
TOTAL	733	16	68	-	138	22	31	177	14	267
Primary Production ..	28	-	1	-	2	2	1	5	6	11
Metal Refining and Products,										
General Engineering ..	49	15	1	-	11	-	2	2	-	18
Textile Manufacturing ..	14	-	4	-	1	2	-	1	-	6
Clothing Manufacturing ..	14	-	3	-	3	-	1	4	-	3
Meat and Fish Processing ..	181	-	5	-	69	5	3	21	1	77
Jam Making, Fruit and Vegetable										
Canning	32	-	-	-	7	2	4	13	-	6
Other Food and Drink Processing	38	-	10	-	1	-	3	10	-	14
Printing, Packaging, etc. Manu-										
facturing	16	-	4	-	-	-	1	3	-	8
Other Manufacturing ..	34	-	4	-	7	2	-	1	1	19
Commerce and Finance ..	99	1	15	-	12	3	2	30	-	36
Health, Hospitals, etc. ..	80	-	5	-	6	1	6	31	3	28
Other Community etc. Services	22	-	2	-	2	-	1	9	2	6
Hotels, Boarding Houses, Cafes	101	-	12	-	14	3	6	37	-	29
Amusement, Other Personal Serv.	12	-	2	-	1	-	1	7	-	1
Other Industries ..	13	-	-	-	2	2	-	3	1	5

Table 5 - Work Injuries: Type of Accident by Nature of Injury, December Quarter 1968

Type of Accident	All Injuries	Nature of Injury								
		Fractures, Dislocations	Sprains, Strains	Internal Injuries	Amputations	Lacerations, Open Wounds	Superficial Injuries	Contusions, Bruisings	Burns, Scalds	Other Injuries
Total Persons										
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>8,188</u>	<u>1,031</u>	<u>2,234</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>2,290</u>	<u>585</u>	<u>1,255</u>	<u>314</u>	<u>379</u>
Falls of Persons ..	1,707	337	742	5	2	161	31	343	-	86
Struck by Falling Objects	835	228	68	1	9	193	27	297	-	12
Stepping on, Striking, or Struck by, Objects ..	2,879	176	137	9	28	1,699	484	323	1	22
Caught in, or between, Objects	741	178	41	-	40	202	10	262	-	8
Over-exertion or Strenuous Movement	1,415	67	1,195	2	-	1	-	5	-	145
Exposure to, or Contact with, Extreme Temperature ..	248	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	245	2
Exposure to, or Contact with, Electric Current ..	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	8
Exposure to, or Contact with, Harmful Substances ..	145	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	67	77
Traffic Accidents ..	79	31	10	3	-	13	1	15	-	6
Other Types	130	14	41	-	-	21	31	9	1	13